Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Vern Mathis' dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Mathis has devoted more than 29 years of his life to the service of this state and country while serving in the 665th Maintenance Company, A Battery 147th Field Artillery, 147th Service Battery, and the 147th Forward Support Company. Staff Sergeant Mathis served on the state activation for the Rapid City flood, state snow removal, Spencer tornado, and was deployed two times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Mathis continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Staff Sergeant Vern Mathis for more than 29 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2009, as

STAFF SERGEANT VERN MATHIS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State